

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Office Actions mailed February 5, 2009 and March 9, 2009. Claims 62-64, 66-68, 70 and 73-74 remain pending in the application, claims 62, 66 and 70 having been amended herein, and claims 1-61, 65, 69, 71, 72 and 75-99 having been canceled. Reconsideration of the present application, as presented herein, is respectfully requested.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowability of claims 65-68 and 70 if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, Applicants have amended independent claim 62 herein to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 65 therein. As such, Applicant submits that independent claim 62 is now in condition for allowance. Since independent claim 62 is now in condition for allowance, Applicant submits that the claims that depend therefrom, namely, claims 63, 64, 66-70, 73 and 74 are now also in condition for allowance.

Claim 69 was once again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Applicant has cancelled claim 69 herein. Accordingly, in view of the cancellation of claim 69, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claim 69 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, has been rendered moot.

Claims 62-64 and 73 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by GB 2349798 to Plant (hereinafter, "Plant '798"). Applicant submits that independent claim 62, as

amended herein to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 65, has rendered the rejection of claim 62 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Plant '798, moot.

Since claims 63, 64 and 73 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 62, and contain all of the features of claim 62, for the reasons presented above regarding the allowability of claim 62, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 63, 64 and 73 are also allowable under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Plant '798.

Applicant notes that certified copies of the priority documents are required. Applicant submits that the certified copies of the priority documents have been ordered and that the same will be filed with the U.S. Patent Office as soon as possible.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview may facilitate resolution of any outstanding issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of claims 62-64, 66-68, 70 and 73-74 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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